

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING  
WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL  
April 30, 2020 6 p.m.**

**2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget as proposed by the Town Manager and  
Superintendent of Schools**

Public Hearing called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Councilors Blanks, Cantor, Davidoff, Fay, Gold, Kerrigan, Sweeney, Wenograd and Williams present.

Also present: Town Manager Matt Hart, Corporation Counsel Dallas Dodge

Resident Call in Comments:

1. Ann Mione, 162 Brunswick Street – Stated during these difficult times, residents need more services not less. Library and Social Services cuts should not be done. Suggested looking at other departments for cuts before the Library and Social Services.
2. Rupesh Parajuli, 31 Burham Road – Commented that West Hartford is a town of choice for Immigrant communities. The Library has been a significant resource particularly for these populations, and the cuts planned will greatly affect them.
3. Michael Sullivan, 2 Dorset Road – Spoke in support of town Libraries. Library Services will be needed more during this crisis. West Hartford has higher visits to the Library than any other town. In the past, the Library budget has been cut before and that funding was never restored. The operation of the Library is reliant on the part time staff and should not be cut.
4. Nancy Jensen, 65 Riggs Avenue – Does not support cuts to the Library. The Library serves all ages and provides many services to the whole community. It adds to the vitality of the Town.
5. Jon Moss, 46 Hilldale Road – Supports the Board of Education budget, does not support cuts to the Library. The Library is a big resources for students of all ages. Stated it would be shortsighted for the Town to not continue the good investment in the Libraries.

There being no other calls, the Mayor called the Public Hearing closed at 6:27 pm.

Essie S. Labrot, Town/Council Clerk

